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Title:	APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING AND METERING FLUID FLOW		

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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Enclosed for the Examiner's information is a copy of the International Search Report. At least some of the references were recently cited in an International Search Report mailed January 26, 2005.

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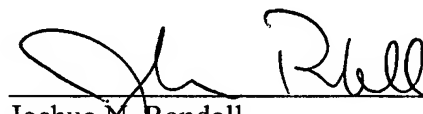
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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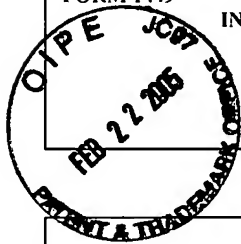
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	1,098,247	05/26/1914	Gibbs			
	1,580,678	04/13/1926	Roučka			
	1,946,319	02/06/1934	Hodgson et al.			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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						YES	NO
	0 565 485 A1	10/13/1993	EP				X
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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